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## MEMORANDUM

Date: June 11, 2008

To: The Governing Board Members

From:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA (Hon), Executive Officer

Subject: **Agenda Item XI: Discussion and possible action regarding potential acquisition of Los Angeles Defense Area Nike Site 29, Parcel 2 by County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department, unincorporated area of Rowland Heights, Los Angeles County.**

Background: At the April 8, 2008 County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for the acquisition of Federal Surplus Real Property for Los Angeles Defense Area Nike 29, Parcel 2 (staff report and resolution attached).

On July 13, 2005, WCCA adopted a resolution authorizing application for the acquisition of the Nike site. In July 2006, WCCA representatives met with representatives from the Sheriff's Department, and it was discussed that the parties could work cooperatively to find a common solution. At the recommendation of the National Park Service staff due to concerns about the property potentially being sold on the market, in July 2007 WCCA staff submitted such application to the National Park Service. The April 1, 2008 letter from WCCA to National Park Service and County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (attached) provides a summary of recent events. In the April 1, 2008 letter, WCCA suggested a specific solution and requested another meeting to discuss how to best cooperatively move forward on the disposal and acquisition of this surplus property. In that letter, WCCA reiterated its interest in working cooperatively to reach a mutually agreeable solution.